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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GOVERNMENT ISSUES WHITE PAPER ON
CIVIL AVIATION POLICY

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1. UKG ISSUED WHITE PAPER ON CIVIL AVIATION POLICY ON FEB. 11. WHITE PAPER FOLLOWS CLOSELY POLICY STATEMENT MADE LAST JULY (REFTEL) AND CONTAINED FEW SURPRISES. ON TWO ISSUES OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO U.S.: BCAL WILL RETAIN UK LICENSE TO OPERATE TO ATLANTA AND HOUSTON; AND LAKER AIRWAYS "SKYTRAIN" DESIGNATION UNDER US/UK AVIATION AGREEMENT WILL BE CANCELLED.

2. BRITISH WILL END "DUAL DESIGNATION" OF BRITISH CARRIERS ON LONG-HAUL ROUTES AND INTRODUCE INSTEAD "SPHERES OF INTEREST" POLICY WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS AND BCAL EACH HAVING SEPARATE AREAS OF EXCLUSIVE UK FLAG OPERATIONS. AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE, BRITISH AIRWAYS WILL GET EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO EAST AFRICA AND SEYCHELLES WHILE BCAL WILL GET CENTRAL AFRICA INCLUDING ZAMBIA (TO BE ADDED TO EXISTING WEST AFRICAN OPERATIONS). ON TRANS-ATLANTIC, BRITISH AIRWAYS GIVES UP CARACAS, BOGOTA AND LIMA TO BCAL IN EXCHANGE FOR BCAL GIVING UP RIGHTS TO NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO, BOSTON AND TORONTO. BCAL ALSO LOSES SPECIAL CHARTER RIGHTS TO BAHRAIN AND SINGAPORE. BCAL'S RETENTION OF HOUSTON AND ATLANTA AUTHORITY WILL MEAN, OF COURSE, THAT CARRIER

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WILL REMAIN DESIGNATED UNDER US/UK AGREEMENT. IT MIGHT

THEN BE ARGUED THAT ITS CHARTER PROGRAM IN U.S. WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO U.S. UPLIFT RATIO.

3. IT WAS APPARENT FROM GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING WHITE PAPER THAT DEPARTMENT OF TRADE HAD TO OVERRIDE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY IN ITS DECISION TO CANCEL SKYTRAIN. BASIS FOR DOT DECISION WAS JUDGMENT THAT SKYTRAIN AND MATCHING U.S. SERVICE WOULD HARM BRITISH AIRWAYS SCHEDULED SERVICES AND HAVE MINIMAL OR EVEN ADVERSE EFFECT ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

4. WHITE PAPER WILL BE DEBATED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS AND, IF OPPOSITION PRESSES HARD ENOUGH, MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE. THUS FAR AMONG AIRLINES AFFECTED ONLY LAKER HAS OPPOSED WHITE PAPER; BCAL AND BRITISH AIRWAYS HAVE RELUCTANTLY GONE ALONG WITH IT, RELIEVED TO BE OVER A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY. WHITE PAPER CHANGES ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY ISSUANCE OF NEW GUIDELINES TO CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY. NEW LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

5. COPIES OF WHITE PAPER POUCHED TO EB/OA.

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